

## Christmas Greetings

### If At First You Don't Succeed . . .

#### A True Christmas Story

These little pigs went to market.

One day this week a well known Irishman living south of Irma proposed to do a good deed for his elderly neighbor, so got out his team and sleigh, loaded up his neighbor's pigs and proceeded toward Irma in order to market same.

However, the best laid schemes of mice and men, Irishmen as well as Scotsmen, gang aft a'glee, and on coming to the railway tracks, a mile east of town, the sleigh upset.

Our gallant son of Erin, determined to finish what he had begun, walked on into town to enlist aid in righting the sleigh. On his return he found the pigs had got out of the box and were meandering about the countryside. As they refused to re-enter this narrow prison, there was only one thing to do. The sleigh was driven along in the deep snow beside the highway and our Irish hero audited his stubborn charges into the track made by the sleigh and drove the pigs to market on foot, just the way it is done in Tipperary.

### Southern Sayings

Mrs. Alec Cairns was a week-end visitor to Wainwright.

Mr. George Foreman was a visitor to Hardisty, Amisk and Edmonton in the past while and is now on his way East to Gilbert Plains, Man., to spend the holidays and part of the winter with his Uncle Charlie and relatives.

Mr. Albert Jackson who has been working in the Golka Garage, Hardisty, is now home this week for the holidays.

With such a tremendous amount of sickness, the Christmas holidays will be quite quiet for a lot of families this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reber and family and Mrs. W. E. Reber of Hardisty were week-end visitors to Roy Reber's this week.

We sincerely wish our Local Editor and all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who gathered together on December 12 to celebrate our Silver Wedding Anniversary. We do appreciate this friendly gathering, the good wishes offered, the lovely gifts received and the happy memories we have to cherish. We would also like to say thank you to the impromptu orchestra and to Mrs. A. Flooker for all her kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rae dated January 6.

### Local News

Miss Susie McKay, an honor philosophy student at Toronto University will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Brien, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

In spite of the cold weather, a good number turned out to the Candle-Lighting ceremony and Vesper service conducted by the Irma CGIT in the United Church on Sunday last. Miss Olive Thurston is the leader of this group and is to be complimented on this service.

We know of nothing better to put you in the right spirit on Christmas morning than to attend the open session which the United Church Sunday School is holding at 11 o'clock, December 25. Come and hear the children sing. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Charter and Mr. T. E. Yorr are leaving for Edmonton this week to spend the holiday season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carter.

Mr. Leo Thurston of St. John's College, Winnipeg, will spend Christmas and New Year's at his home here.

There have been a number of cases of Scarlet Fever in Irma and district. The Health Nurse has been coming to Irma schools every day to keep a close check on the throat condition of each pupil there.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Peter Selstad, an old-timer of this district. Mr. Selstad who has been in very poor health for several months, passed away in the Wainwright hospital Wednesday, Dec. 21.

A meeting of the Irma Calf Club will be held January 7 at 2 p.m. at the Irma High School.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ole Nilsson and family from McLoughlin, Alta. Mr. Nilsson is the new Pool elevator agent here.

There will be no issue of the Irma Times between Christmas and New Year's.

The Co-op store will be closed on Tuesday, January 3 for the purpose of stock taking.

The Irma Hockey Club are sponsoring a New Year's Dance in Kiefer's Hall on Dec. 30. Coulman's orchestra will be in attendance.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Havelock Currie who is in his 90th year had the misfortune last week to fall down the cellar stairs fracturing his leg very badly. Mr. Currie is in the Mannville hospital and is rallying well in spite of his severe injury.

#### PLEASE NOTICE

Our Christmas issue will be dated Friday, December 23. Following our usual custom, there will be no paper published between Christmas and New Year's.

Our first issue in 1950 will be dated January 6.

### J. J. Hines Victim Of Fatal Accident

We are sorry to record the passing of Mr. J. J. Hines who was fatally injured on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Mr. Hines was at Berwyn in the Peace River district at the time of the accident and was inflating one of the tires on his truck. Too much pressure caused the rim to suddenly snap off, striking him on the head. Although taken at once to the hospital he did not regain consciousness and passed away on Saturday, December 17.

Funeral services were held from the Irma United Church, on Dec. 20. Full obituary next issue.

The deepest sympathies of all go to Mrs. Hines and the two young sons, Jackie and Dwight.

### News Items From Kinsella District

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. N. Rawlick on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker were visitors to the city last week.

Mr. G. Paterson, Mr. Allen Barker and Mr. M. Bilo have commenced curling again at Viking.

The Legion are sponsoring a free picture show on Friday, Dec. 23, for the children at 3 p.m. The picture will be the Miracle of 34th Street and Willie Woodpecker, etc.

On Friday evening there will be a dance held in the Memorial Hall, sponsored by the Community League.

Celebrate New Year's at Kinsella

A New Year's Frolic sponsored by the Kinsella Legion, cold plate supper to be served at 10 p.m. Sunday, January 1. Dancing will start at 12:05 a.m., Monday, Jan. 2. Favors and door prizes, good music by "Coulman's" orchestra. Everybody welcome and get your tickets in advance from Legion members at \$1.00 each.

### Our Xmas Issue

The spirit of good will certainly pervades every page of our annual Christmas issue. Printed in green ink, it presents a "holiday look." It has also entailed a great deal of extra mechanical work for our hard working staff but they have been cheerful about it and we feel that the effort has been well worth while. This issue would not be possible without the good will and co-operation of almost all business places and firms in town.

Thanks and appreciation also go to the correspondents who have sent in news items during the past year.

We join with all the expressions of good will and best wishes for a glad Yuletide season and a Happy New Year.

### Northern Nuggets

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Larson are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 10.

Mr. Del Smith is recovering from an appendix operation in the Mannville hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones were Edmonton visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox are spending the Christmas holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Currie.

Other folks that are spending the holidays at their respective homes are: Miss Edith Jones, Messrs. Ronald Currie, David Barsa and Fred Kuwika.

The annual meeting of the Buffalo Coulee W.I. was held recently at the home of Mrs. Haakon Larson. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Archie Fleming; First vice-President, Mrs. Louise Larson; second vice-President, Mrs. G. Coulman; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Alf Larson. The directors are Mrs. Bob Lukens, Mrs. Wm. Matthews and Mrs. P. Prosser.

Mr. H. H. Currie had the misfortune to fall down his cellar stairs last Thursday and suffered a broken leg. He is resting comfortably in the Mannville hospital, where he is being treated.

### CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS AND CUSTOMS

#### Carolling Children

The "milky-box," lined with sugar and oranges and containing two small figures, which is still occasionally carried by Yorkshire children when they go carolling from house to house on Christmas Eve, is a relic of the ancient custom, common in the northern counties of England until the close of the last century, of carrying figures of Our Lady and the Holy Child in procession with the carol singers. The word "milky" is a corruption of "My Lady." In Cleveland, Yorkshire, the same box is called "bessel-cup" and the children who carry it say that they are going "a-wassailing"—an invitation to give them a blessing and a love.

#### The Christmas Cracker

As in Canada, no Christmas party in Britain is complete without a box of "crackers." Christmas crackers were first made in Britain about 70 years ago. It was a confectioner and maker of ornaments for wedding cakes with the typical English name of Tom Smith who brought back from a holiday on the Continent the idea which evolved into the cracker. He saw that a French confectioner made his sweetmeats more attractive by wrapping them in tissue paper. A few weeks before Christmas he set his assistants wrapping sugared almonds in this way. The cracker came a little nearer when he thought of making the package more entertaining by placing a loving message inside.

### Glen-Coa Gleanings

Young folk of the Community are hastening home for the best holiday of the year. There'll be Evelyn Erickson, from Camrose, Curtis Satre and Lawrence Likness from Saskatoon, Lily Nelson from Viking, and Arlene Steffen from the way from Grande Prairie. Sharon Luther League has a fine program lined up so a happy time is assured one and all.

Oren Spring arrived home about two weeks ago after working the past year with a brush cutting gang.

Mrs. A. Reitan spent a week in Hardisty hospital recently. She is spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. McClements of Melbrae district.

We are glad to report that Mrs. E. R. Erickson is out of hospital now and is convalescing with friends in Edmonton.

Coal Springs and Glenholm schools are having their concerts on Thursday evening, Dec. 22 and Friday afternoon, Dec. 23, respectively.

Sharon Christmas service is at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26. The S. School program is at 2 p.m., Dec. 28.

A blessed Christmas to all the readers of our column.

### Yuletide Fire Hazards

We are now approaching one of the most dangerous times of the year, and again would like to remind everyone to practice the utmost caution. Fire is caused only by the carelessness of someone. Listed below are a number of items considered most dangerous.

1. The extensive use of paper decorations, especially if used near stoves, etc.
  2. Dried out Christmas trees, which are decorated with lights.
  3. Leaving children alone at home.
  4. Cigarettes which are carelessly laid down and not put out.
- The chance of the fire department extinguishing a fire, even with the modern truck, is cut to at least 50 per cent in cold weather. So let's all try our best to keep this holiday season from being marred by fire in this community.

#### TENDER

Applications will be received at the office of the undersigned for the purchase of the North-West Quarter of Section Four (4), Township Forty-four (44), Range Nine (9), West of the Fourth Meridian, up to Five (5:00) o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday the 10th day of January, 1950.

Terms Cash.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Chas. Wilbraham,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
MD of Wainwright, No. 61,  
WAINWRIGHT, Alberta.

#### UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 25  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Special Christmas program.  
Carol Singing 7 p.m.  
Worship service 7:30 p.m.  
Come and worship on Christmas Day.  
Minister H. W. Inglis.

#### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Christmas Story still has its ancient power to transform man's thinking, and attitudes, inspiring him to deeds of Love and Mercy. When we remember, that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to Bethlehem, we are moved to make that Love a reality in life.

How appropriate it is in our land that the earth is covered with new snow hiding all the remains of the preceding season. It symbolizes what happened when Christ was born: The old ways passed into oblivion, and a new way was born into the world.

The Christians began to observe the birthday of the Christ very early in the Christian Era. We have many racial traditions that have become a part of our Christmas celebrations, but let us never forget that it is the Christ whom we honor, and all should be centered around Him.

The Heavenly Hosts rejoiced and praised God when He came, so may we give thanks to God with heart and mind and voice, and so live that we shall take our place in the great company of those who love Him.

Rev. H. W. Inglis.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

There will be Celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day at 2:00 p.m. Kindly note change of time for this service. You are cordially invited to worship with us at this service.

#### AVONGLEN GOSPEL MISSION

Dec. 25 to 31

Sunday  
11 a.m.—Special Christmas service with a Christmas story for children, and special Christmas numbers.

Tuesday

8 p.m.—Bible study and prayer service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Schick.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth . . . No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, He hath declared Him." John 1:1, 14, 18.

Sincere Season's Greetings to all our friends!

#### NOTICE TO FARMERS

No hogs will be shipped on Monday, Dec. 26, but will be accepted as usual on Monday, Jan. 2.

G.T.P. Shipping Ass'n.  
Carl Anquist.

# Happy NEW YEAR



## A Grateful Tribute

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETY goes on at all times and its benefits are felt by people in many walks of life and under varied circumstances. While the peacetime activities of this great organization are extensive, and its service to humanity never diminishes, it receives more attention from the public when the need for the type of help it provides is especially great. It is doubtful if there was any community in Canada which did not have its Red Cross group during the war, and many thousands of women worked tirelessly to provide comforts and necessities for the armed forces and for civilian victims of the war.

### An Instance Of Friendship

Recently the Canadian Red Cross in Britain closed down after ten years of service in that country. In commenting on that event, the London Times published a leading article under the heading "Help From Canada". The newspaper said "No better instance of practical friendship could be found than the record of the Canadian Red Cross, which is now closing down in Britain after ten years of splendid service. It leaves behind as a standing memorial, the Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden, which is, among other things, a research centre for rheumatic-cardiac conditions in children. All this work has its source in the thousands of local committees, and small workrooms scattered throughout Canada, and, on this side of the Atlantic, thousands of men and women remember gratefully the benefits received through this great spontaneous willing-up of Canadian generosity."

### Is Appreciated By Many Here

This tribute will be appreciated by the many people in Canada who have supported the work of the Canadian Red Cross Society; and by those who were associated with the activities which were carried on in Britain during the war. It is always to be hoped that there will be no further need for an effort comparable to that referred to in the "Times", but that gracious expression of appreciation serves to remind us of the very worthwhile results of the work of the Red Cross. It should also serve to impress upon us the need to give unremitting support to this organization which does so much to relieve suffering and provide comfort whenever such help is needed.

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### Curling Widow Solves Problem

VANCOUVER—There is one little lady in Vancouver who refuses to be a "curling Widow". What did she do? She learned the game! Then another problem arose! "Hubby" wouldn't come home for supper. He wanted to curl the game over again in the locker room. Another remedy? She was waiting in the lunch room this particular day—"hubby" was in the locker room—a long time. A pay phone on the wall caught her eye. "Hubby" was paged to the office phone. With only a wall's thickness between them she said, "When are you coming home for supper?" These curlers are crafty. "Hubby" looked out the office window, spied "wifey" at the phone and said, "right away."

### Britain Is Facing Shortage Of Pepper

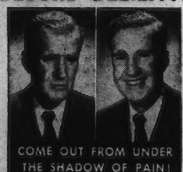
LONDON—Pepper is so short in Britain that restaurants are being asked to go easy on it.

A leading London pepper broker described the shortage as "fremendous."

He said one of the reasons for the scarcity is that political disorders in The Netherlands East Indies and Indonesia have prevented replanting of crops.

Food manufacturers may be required to stop using pepper substitute in sausages, pies, and spiced meats. The substitute is 64 per cent. buckwheat, eight per cent. cayenne, five per cent. ground pepper and a small percentage of aromatic seed.

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### West Receives Large Amounts From Insurance

By The Canadian Press  
One of the steadiest flows of money coming into Canadian pocketbooks is that from life insurance.

It is, too, largely "bread and butter" money—spent for necessities, so goes into the most basic things of a country's life: Food, clothing, housing, education.

While a large portion of it goes to support dependents after the death of a policyholder, more than half goes to the living policyholder either to support his or her income in later years.

In the first nine months of this year, for instance, Canadian families were paid more than \$10,857,000 by the 50-odd Canadian, British and United States life insurance companies operating here.

Of this, about \$6,000,000 was in death payments, and some \$4,850,000 in payments to living policyholders. In Saskatchewan \$1,417,175 was paid in death claims on 628 ordinary policies; \$35,100 on 125 industrial policies; and \$104,338 on 70 group certificates. Total death claim payments in Saskatchewan were \$1,554,813 on 829 policies. The average death claim in Saskatchewan was approximately \$1,875 compared with the national average of about \$1,200.

The figures from the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association, give the death payments by province, in the nine months, as follows (number of policies on which death payments made, in brackets):

Prince Edward Island \$275,509 (124); Nova Scotia \$1,828,000 (1,727); New Brunswick \$1,126,708 (1,137); Quebec \$1,728,925 (17,538); Ontario \$27,455,065 (22,072); Manitoba \$3,061,263 (1,905); Saskatchewan \$1,554,813 (829); Alberta \$2,589,195 (1,381); British Columbia \$4,332,467 (2,936).

Newfoundland figures are not yet included, and the breakdown by province of the amounts paid to living policyholders is not given.

### MANITOBA SUGAR YIELD LARGEST IN HISTORY

WINNIPEG—The Manitoba sugar factory in suburban Fort Garry has wound up its 1948 work-schedule, completing the manufacture of the largest sugar beet harvest in the history of the province. It turned 245,000 pounds of sugar beets into approximately 35,000,000 pounds of sugar, 17,000,000 pounds of dried beet pulp, and 9,000,000 pounds of molasses. Company officials say the sugar alone, when turned over to retail stores, will bring about \$3,500,000.

### EXPECT RETURN OF WILD DUCKS TO SOUTHWEST ALTA.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — For the first time since the days of the great bison herds, wild ducks are expected to return soon to the wind-swept corner of southern Alberta. The completion in 1951 of the St. Mary-Milk River irrigation project will create a 102-square-mile lake and a web of irrigation ditches.

**Planning Ball Tournament**  
KERRROBERT. — The Kerrrobert Klansmen club is already distributing posters and advertising for its \$2,000 baseball tournament to be held on June 14-15. The club hopes to attract eight of western Canada's outstanding clubs. 2860



PRIZE WINNER — Polled Hereford "Nabob Otto", a yearling steer, owned by Malcolm McGregor of Brandon, Man., won first prize in the open competition Junior Yearling Hereford steer class at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto. Wilfred Mossin is at the halter.

## Recommend New Grain Species For Certain Areas In Manitoba

WINNIPEG—One new variety each of wheat, oats and flax has been recommended for certain areas of Manitoba by the cereal committee of the Manitoba Agronomists. Reporting to the 29th annual conference of the organization which opened in the legislative building, the committee headed by J. N. Welsh, advised the use of:

1. Saunders wheat as a second choice to Redman or Thatcher in the Swan River valley because of its early maturing date.
2. Fortune oats throughout most of the province because of its resistance to smut and good yield.
3. Sheyenne flax in northern Manitoba because of its early maturing.

Less than one per cent. of the province's wheat acreage is now sown to varieties that are not recommended, D. M. McLean told the conference.

### FUNNY

And

### OTHERWISE

Shoe Salesman — That woman certainly has suffered much for her belief.

Store Manager — Is that so?

Shoe Salesman — That she can wear a size four shoe.

Doctor: "Take this medicine; although it is bitter—just think it is beer."

Patient: "Doctor, how would it be to drink beer and think it is medicine?"

The young couple were finding out about the joys of a joint bank account.

"The bank has returned your last cheque," said the husband grimly. "Goody," gurgled the bride. "What should I buy with it next?"

Mother to small son wandering around the room—"What are you looking for?"

Son—Oh, nothing! Mother—"You'll find it in the box where the cookies were."

"You presumptuous young whippersnapper! You have the colossal nerve to ask for my daughter's hand! Will you be so good as to tell me how you expect to give her what she's been used to?"

"Well, sir, I—er—think I can. I've got a bad temper myself."

"We want to buy a silver coffee pot for presentation to our local M.P."

"In that case, gentlemen, I'd better show you something with a long spout."

"My wife tells me that your wife displayed a marvelous knowledge of parliamentary law at the Woman's Club the other afternoon."

"Well, great Scott! Why shouldn't she? She's been speaker of our house for 15 years."

A solicitor was walking along the street when he met a friend to whom he had recently given some simple legal advice, and to whom he had sent his usual sizeable bill.

"Nice day, isn't it?" remarked the friend, and then added, hastily: "But I'm not asking you: I'm telling you."

### THE TILLERS



## Wapella's Large Memorial Rink Result Of Fine Community Spirit

WAPELLA, Sask. — The official opening of Wapella's new Memorial Rink took place on December 16th and 17th with Premier T. C. Douglas in attendance. The opening programs consisted of a masquerade carnival and a moccasin dance on the 16th, with good entertainment of figure skating by members from the Queen City Figure Skating Club of Regina, which was followed by a hockey game between the local boys and the Moccasin Badgers on the 17th. Record crowds attended both evenings entertainment.

The opening of the rink was one that every citizen of the town and district has rightly to be proud of, as it was the climax of untiring and unstinted efforts of many who through donations, entertainments and voluntary help made the rink one of the largest and most modern rinks on the main line east of Regina, and has become a great asset to the whole of Wapella and district.

The new rink is 210 feet long and 90 feet wide, with an ice surface of 175 by 72 feet, and has a seating capacity between 1,000 and 2,000. There is a large waiting room, 60 by 20 feet, and two dressing rooms. All the rooms are fully insulated with forced hot air heating system. One of the outstanding features of the rink is that all spectators can see the whole ice surface without any posts obstructing the view. It is built of lumber with aluminum sheeting covering. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$25,000, which of course is not the true figure, for it was not for the enormous amount of voluntary help the building would have cost somewhere near \$45,000.

When it was decided to build the rink a board of directors was formed composed of E. E. Gordon, chairman; H. E. Carlisle, G. Chapman, W. Sandeman, H. E. Morris, P. Hamilton with Miss E. Adams as secretary-treasurer. The construction was under the supervision of G. L. Robertson and assisted by F. H. Dean, Great credit is due to the above for their untiring efforts.

It is the intention that the rink will be used in the summer by the Wapella Agricultural Society for the annual fair and other agricultural activities.



The above is a picture of Wapella's new Memorial Rink recently opened, which is considered the largest and most modern rink on the main line east of Regina.

### Baptists May Take Over Church Of Presbyterians

CORDOVA, Alaska. — The Presbyterian Church of Cordova may make Baptists out of the whole congregation of Presbyterians.

That is the effect of a vote to turn over the church to the Baptists.

The move is part of a proposal under which the Baptist Home Missionary Society would take over operation of the Cordova Community Hospital. The Baptists offered to operate and staff the hospital, but insisted they also take over the local Presbyterian church.

The Baptists also have agreed to repay the Presbyterians \$25,000 representing the original grant under which the church was built. Final approval of the plan must be given by the Yukon Presbytery.

### SUGGEST RENAMING OF HIGHWAY

PENTICTON, B.C. — Suggestion that the "wonderful" Hope-Princeton Road be given a more fitting name was made at a Pentiction Board of Trade meeting recently.

Larry Ercroft said a name should be chosen that is more "suggestive of the wonderful road it is."

Speaking of the increased traffic the road will bring to Pentiction, Mr. Ercroft said it might be necessary to eliminate parking on Main street.

### House Is Victim Of Trucks Failing To Turn

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. — When Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby of Bridgeville, Pa., hears a resounding crash that rocks the house, she knows exactly what it is. "It's another truck," she observes placidly, and goes to see what part of her home went this time.

Four times in the past two years, trucks have failed to make the turn at the foot of a nearby hill, and landed in various parts of the Kirby residence. This week a truck took the corner of the living room and front porch.

"The company intends to make a public issue of the stock,"

### N.H.L. Sport Notes

Left-Hand Shots Predominate  
Only three of the 11 leading goal getters after the first 61 games of the season fired the puck from the right-hand side. All the rest were left-hand shots. Those propelling the puck from the right side were Ted Kennedy, Gordie Howe and Johnny Nelson. The left-hand shots were Maurice Richard, Ted Lindsay, Merv Prystay, Gey Stewart, Max Bentley, Paul Ronney, Sid Abel and Bert Olmstead.

Art Ross Honored In Boston  
Art Ross was honored in Boston on December 3 who he was formally presented with the Official Scroll of admittance into the International Hockey Hall of Fame. Prior to the start of the Boston-Chicago game, Ross was presented with the scroll by James E. Garvin, K.C., of Kingston, Ontario, President of the International Hockey Hall of Fame. Ross was the recipient of a beautiful silver tray from the National Hockey League and a silver service from the Boston Garden "Gallery Gods". Close friends of "Uncle Art", players of the Boston team and the Boston hockey writers and commentators, also made presentations to the man who has contributed so much to hockey. After the game on Dec. 3 a gala dinner was held, which was attended by over 325 people.

40th Anniversary Of Canadiens  
Montreal Canadiens celebrated their 40th anniversary on December 2. It was on December 2, 1909 that Montreal Canadiens were accepted into the old National Hockey Association, forerunner of today's National Hockey League. Montreal Canadiens are the oldest name in professional hockey today.

Canadiens played their first game in the N.H.A. on January 5, 1910, at the Westmonte Arena, defeating Cobalt, 7-0 in overtime. The game at that time consisted of two 30-minute periods and a team was not allowed to change players. Seven man hockey was the vogue at that time.

Unbeaten On The Road  
In their first eight games of the season played on the road, Detroit Red Wings were undefeated. The Wings won six games and tied two.

To Feel Right — Eat Right  
—By Les Carroll





# Surprise In The Arctic

By ESTHER V. W. TUFFY  
(Central Press Canadian Correspondent)

ROVANIEMI, Finland.—Our party of British and U.S. reporters had a big surprise "way up here in the northern wasteland of Finland. We had heard of the 90 per cent. complete wartime destruction of the retreating German had done on the northern Lapland area and we expected we'd need to manage with some worse-than-crude hotel arrangements.

Our eyes popped when our airport bus rolled up to a brand new modernistic hotel with some innovations unknown even in North America.

In our private dining room a fire was roaring in a fine fireplace of stones. In niches between the stones grew vines and scarlet geraniums, a favorite flower in Finland!

The Finnish people love flowers. Sometimes a poor housewife will come home from the market with little food but always a flower. The first stone opened when the evacuees came back after the war was a flower shop!

The Finnish spread included such delicacies as smoked mountain trout and thin slices of reindeer meat, which resemble our dried beef. Delicious! The cocktail was a pleasant blend of aquavit with a Yakk! berry doing olive duty. Again — recommended!

Houses are few and streets just passable, but food is plentiful. The best was served at a luncheon given in our honor the next day by the city council.

Course after course came — with every platter decorated with flowers and seasoned with dill.  
Our host, the grant Deputy Mayor Vaino Koskenen, likes to repeat a remark made by Gen. George Marshall: "Finland has been kicked around like a football during the war years." Lapland certainly was. First the Laplanders were friendly with the German soldiers who were helping them fight Russia in the winter war of 1940. Then when Russia forced them to fight the Germans, they left their homes knowing the German soldiers would destroy everything as they retreated.

The desolation left behind is today

## Little Girl Motifs



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**Miss Banks**

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## HERE'S HEALTH



There once was a man from Dundas who ate tulips from Monday to Sunday — if he'd eaten his fruit up — his brown bread and turnip — he'd be here now poor man from Dundas

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE



A fine Arctic view is gained from the Rovaniemi hotel's picture window. The chairs are upholstered luxuriously in soft reindeer fur.

—Central Press Canadian.

enabled by the miraculous comeback made since the time when their houses were burnt down, bridges blown up and their land mined as the German troops tramped on toward escape to Norway.

When the first evacuees returned in 1945, they lived in caves and little huts of cardboard. Governor Wuno Hannula, a man of great spirit, issued a proclamation forbidding children to come back.

However, today, in his house so new the timber-smell lingers, he brags about the Finnish courage of parents who answered him by building a schoolhouse.

As we travelled from Rovaniemi north to the Arctic circle, we saw many relics of the destruction. Then our bus reached tiny Kittila

## Sweeney Schriener Blames U.S. Fans For Today's Hockey

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.—A former National Hockey League star blames the blood-and-thunder desire of United States fans for the "chippy" hockey now being played in Canada.

In an interview here, Dave (Sweeney) Schriener, coach of North Sydney Victorias of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League, said there is far too much elbowing, high sticking and boarding in the three-team C.B.S.L.

"The former high-scoring left winger with Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Americans said:

"It's the way most of the clubs are playing in the National Hockey League. And it's all because the fans in the United States demand bodily contact. In Canada, we used to be satisfied with fast, stylish hockey with the accent on passing. Now we want chippy hockey."

## Helpful Hints

To clean a stained enamel kettle, cook applesauce or tomatoes in it. These foods may be eaten—there is no danger.

Linoleum can be spoiled with too much attention. Recommended care for the floor covering includes a daily dusting, weekly mopping with a damp mop and plain water, and a waxing every fortnight. Soap-and-water scrubbing should be limited to two or three times a year, say the experts.

The metal molybdenum will not melt below 4,750 degrees Fahrenheit.

## His Favorite Sport

Many Canadian kids ask for nothing more than a chance to play their favorite sport, hockey, and groan any cold weather that comes along. This young hockey player is checking his skate with a feeling of pride, as he is sure his team will beat all comers. Boys in Western Canada go long distances to play hockey on ponds and rinks, and get up early in morning to do so.

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## Tips For Fire Prevention Of Yule Decorations

Preparations for a merry Christmas holiday season should include fire prevention precautions to make sure colorful Yule decorations don't become dangerous hazards. Trees, wreaths, evergreen swags and even holiday dinners are potential fire hazards unless they are properly handled.

Here are tips from fire prevention experts on how to safeguard your home against a holiday fire-up:

Keep Christmas trees, wreaths and swags away from fireplaces or open flame heaters. If the recommended tree is near a radiator, turn off the heat to slow down the drying out of needles and branches. Don't let trees touch window curtains. Tuck drapes up over the curtain rods. If necessary, keep them out of contact with flammable decorations.

Cords and plugs of tree lights should be inspected for signs of frayed or worn insulation. If the heat of the bulbs starts to turn needles brown, shift the light string to a different position. Don't leave the lights burning when you're not in the room.

When Christmas presents are opened, gather up the wrappings. The papers and tissue should be folded neatly and stored in a fire-proof metal wastebasket or tin can until they can be disposed of.

Grease fires in the kitchen are an added hazard during the holidays when more elaborate dinners are cooked. The recommended way to smother a flaming grease or oil is to smother the fire instead of cooling it with water. Experts suggest keeping a lightweight fire extinguisher near the stove ready for such emergencies. Carbon dioxide is one smothering agent used in extinguishers which will blanket a fire almost instantly without leaving visible or harmful fumes on food or equipment.

New lightweight portable extinguishers filled with carbon dioxide have a trigger trip for quick action against fire.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

### HUMAN CAPACITIES

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent.—Walpole.

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a steppingstone in the pathway of the strong.—Thomas Carlyle.

The mind, unmastered by passions, is a very citadel, for a man has no fortress more impregnable wherein to find refuge and be untried forever.—Marcus Aurelius.

We never know how high we are till we are called to rise.—Emily Dickinson.

ONTARIO THE UNKNOWN  
A Toronto woman spent some time at a small hotel in an Alberta town. After a short conversation with the proprietress, the woman said she was from Toronto. On hearing this, the hostess told her she had five brothers living there. "What part of Toronto?" our citizen asked. "Well," replied the westerner, "three of them live in Hamilton and two in Oshawa!"

To Feel Right — Eat Right

## Mechanical Cow Produces Grade-A Pasteurized Milk

WASHINGTON.—Now they've invented a mechanical cow.

It apparently does everything but moo. Instead, it clanks. But, aside from that defect, the mechanical cow does precisely pasteurized, homogenized, grade-A milk which the manufacturer says, tastes just like the stuff you buy from the corner grocery.

The facts of this 20th-century crea-

## United Emergency Fund For Britain

The United Emergency Fund for Britain started functioning just a year ago on a national basis and was designed to integrate and augment the efforts of all organizations and individuals in Canada, interested in offering and providing assistance to the British people during the emergency, in such a way that their effort would have the maximum effect without loss of identity.

From last January to the present, over 250,000 lbs. of foods in parcels where shipped overseas to The United Emergency Fund for Britain Derby warehouse. In addition, another 350,000 lbs. of food, mostly tin-canned, were forwarded in bulk. With the break-up of the bulk food into packages of eight lbs. gross at the Derby warehouse, it is estimated that some 75,000 needy Britons have been assisted by the United Emergency Fund for Britain this year.

It takes a real spirit of sacrifice to be generous when you have little. We in Canada are enjoying good food and plenty of it. But Britain, even five years after the war, is still suffering from the effects of an all-out battle.

British rations are still meagre. Meals and fats are so scarce that the average day's meals are several hundred calories below the malnutrition level.

You join with the thousands of Canadians who realize the need? Help United Emergency Fund for Britain to send food to Britain.

## Newest Instrument

### A Speedy Recorder

OTTAWA.—The national research council said it had perfected an instrument that could count and record events taking place less than one-millionth of a second apart.

The council, which seldom gives way to adjectives, added that the parts contained in the gadget were "sturdy, reliable, interchangeable and versatile."

## Prize Whopper

The Fergus News-Record is going to have to be careful with its stories, or first thing it knows some unworthy critic will be doubting them. There's one, for example, about a man who had been away from Fergus for 35 years and arrived home to find his mother looking a woman of less than 30.

And now to quote: "I'll tell you how it is," said his mother. "You know Dr. Groves. Well, he has been experimenting with a medicine. He let us try it. Every spoonful you take makes you 10 years younger. That's why I look to be only 30 years old."

"Why, that's amazing," exclaimed Charlie, "and I suppose this is my little brother who you're wheeling in the cartilage."

"No, Charlie, that's your father. He took an overdose."

tion were placed on the record of the recent congressional session by Representative Reid F. Murray, Republican from the dairyland state of Wisconsin with a plea that the true flesh-and-blood bossy not be forgotten.

The mechanical cow, he reported, was constructed by Dr. Charles E. North, of New Falls, N.Y., and now is in use for United States troops in the Far East. There it shakes their thirst via seven machines turning out 22,700 gallons of milk daily, the equivalent of a herd of 7,500 head of live cattle.

Other such "cows", he added, soon will be supplying milk in the Philippines, Venezuela, Trinidad, Curacao and Aruba.

The secret of the mechanical cow apparently is in the method of taking the water out of the milk back in again at its destination. Unlike powdered milk, the new product so resembles unskimmed milk that you can't tell the difference.

The procedure is to separate the skim milk and the butterfat on this continent in huge centrifuges, pack them under intricate processes which preserve flavor and original composition, and ship them to any place where milk is needed.

There, the skimmers are put back together again with distilled water in a recombining machine—the mechanical cow—and the result is a milk tasting almost as fresh as from the cow.

The recombined milk is being introduced in places where milk supplies are poor or non-existent, such as tropical regions in which dairy cattle do not thrive. It may eventually be sold on this continent. The manufacturers say recombined milk could be sold in New York for as little as 15 cents a quart, considerably below prevailing prices for the fresh product.

## "Prayer"

By G. H. SLOUS

Prayer is the vital "key" to successful Christian living, it should be the most solemn and most important act of daily life.

We perhaps think of it today as a tradition to be fulfilled at bedtime, or in church, but I am not sure we attach prayer into our lives with the reasonableness and understanding that Paul suggested should be a part of our daily living.

Corinthians. It should not be a ritualistic gesture, or something to turn to in a time of emergency, or as someone suggested prayer is not a magician's wand or formula that will pull the rabbits of personal desire out of our hats.

It has also been said that we do too much asking in our prayers, we look upon God as whose whole purpose is to grant all our desires and selfish thinking, without any responsibility on our part. We may pray to God for forgiveness and yet hold resentment against someone else, or pray that our church be strong and as a lighthouse to the world and yet refuse any sense of personal responsibility toward its own actions.

Prayer should be a coming into the presence of God with a feeling of unworthiness and thankfulness. It should not be selfish or hasty. We all seem to have time for other things. No man would go into a business conference without careful thought beforehand—would take patience, and would not present his petition in a casual or abrupt manner to his listeners, as we have prayed many times. We should go into communion with God with the full realization that He cannot be fooled or imposed upon. Our praying should be the means of replenishing our spiritual resources, making it a normal part of our every day existence as we eat and drink from day to day.

We have said that there is too much asking in our prayers, and this is because of the kind of things we ask. But there is certainly a place for petition in prayer. Jesus Himself suggested we should ask with assurance that we shall receive, but our petition ought never be of the selfish and covetous thought.

Jesus prayed for strength to do the thing that His Father wanted Him to do. There should be a complete dedication of ourselves, like the most moving prayer that has ever been offered, when Jesus in Gethsemane prayed: "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done." Pray with understanding, that you may know God and His ways, and make them your own.

For a happy and progressive Christian life, prayer is a "must".

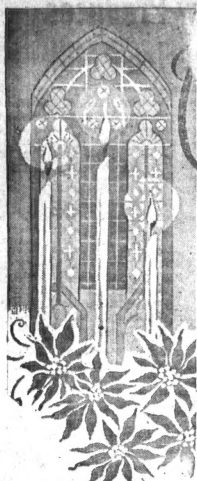
## GOOD LIGHTING ESSENTIAL

Good lighting in industrial plants and offices, as well as in schools and homes, is a necessity where maintenance of health and operating efficiency is concerned.

Contrary to popular belief, candles do not carry extra water in the lamp, but in stomach pouches.







## Christmas Greetings

Once again we extend to you our wish that you may enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year. Let us each do our share to promote peace among men as well as nations. Honesty, fair dealings and friendliness will bring peace on earth and good will among men if we will put them to use. A smile, a friendly word and a helping hand are small investments, but bring such rich returns.

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H. L. BLACK, Manager

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Our wish is brief — But very sincere —  
A Merry Christmas to you  
And a Happy New Year!

**Shamrock Coffee Shop**  
Mrs. E. Murphy

## Christmas Wishes

May your Christmas be as  
A doorway to good cheer,  
Through which you will pass  
To a Happy New Year!

**Irma Post Office**

## Greetings

...and sincere good  
wishes for a  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year...

**A. C. Charter**

God rest you merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ your saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we had gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Now to the Lord sing praises,

All you within this place,  
And with true love and brother-  
hood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

## es Resolutions

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ended on with other co-operatives to provide a co-operative radio program but that such program shall not interfere with the Wheat Pool news broadcasts.

That the Board of Directors investigate the matter of safety devices on farm tractors and implements.

That the delegates go on record as approving soil conservation programs.

That the Wheat Board be contacted with a request that stocks of wheat, oats and barley suitable for seed be retained in country elevators until domestic seed requirements have been ascertained.

That the Canadian Wheat Board be asked to rigidly enforce delivery quota regulations; also that quotas should not be raised until a careful investigation is made.

That the present shrinkage allowance on dry grain at local elevators be raised from one-quarter per cent to one-half per cent.

That the tolerance of other grains in No. 1 feed oats be raised from 12 per cent to 20 per cent, and in No. 1 feed barley from 4 per cent to 12 per cent.

That the cost of education in rural Alberta should be borne by the provincial government to the extent of 50 per cent.

That the Pool directors and management discuss the distribution of cars with railway companies with a view to obtaining a more efficient method.

That the Pool directors investigate methods of marketing coarse grains in which the element of speculation would not enter into the price as between producer and consumer.

It was decided to elect Alberta Wheat Pool directors for a two-year term instead of one year as at present. At the next election three directors will be elected for two years and four for one year. The year following four will be elected for two years, thus providing alternate terms.

A resolution asked the directors to encourage in every way the limitation of goods from the United Kingdom as that country is the greatest potential market for Canadian farm products. Protest against any move to abrogate the Crowned Pass agreement which provides low rates for the haulage of grain was expressed in another resolution.

Further resolutions passed were the following:

That the distribution of coal at country points be undertaken by the Alberta Wheat Pool where the service is requested by the majority of members.

That negotiations be conducted

## Alfalfa As a Protein Supplement

The increase which has taken place in livestock and poultry production in Canada in the past few years has resulted in increased demand for protein supplements. At the same time there has been a shortage of these supplements.

Fortunately there are many vegetable proteins which can be successfully produced on most farms, and of these, alfalfa is probably the best, if it is cut at the right stage and properly cured, states A. G. Kusch, Dominion Experimental Station, Scott, Sask.

Because of its high protein content, nearly on a par with wheat bran, alfalfa assumes a position of importance more than ever before. It is not only rich in digestible protein but contains appreciable amounts of vitamins for young growing animals.

Alfalfa thrives on almost any kind of soil that has good drainage and is not too acid. It seems to do especially well on the lighter loams and sandy soils in north-central Saskatchewan.

Used as a green pasture during the summer months, alfalfa is not only a valuable source of protein, but also supplies necessary minerals and vitamins. As hay it is also a valuable source of protein, but care should be taken in harvesting to retain as much of the protein content as possible. When cut before bloom, and properly cured, alfalfa hay contains about 14 per cent digestible protein; when cut about mid-blossom, the protein content drops to about 11 per cent; and drops still further to about ten per cent if cut when about three-quarters of the plants are in bloom. It has also been determined that the leaves contain about 22 per cent and the stems only 10 per cent of the digestible protein.

## Hints From The Home Designing Office

Here's an idea to prevent tubular metal furniture from marking inoleum. Just apply cellulose tape to each corner of the chair legs. Being transparent, the tape is inconspicuous, and it is easy to remove when worn.

To remove a white ring caused by a beverage glass on a varnished surface, try rubbing the discoloration with cigarette ash, moistened with water. Rub the ring gently with a piece of emery tissue, and then finish with furniture polish. The ash acts like pumice.

When polishing brass door plates or light switch plates, you don't have to worry about getting metal polish on the woodwork or wallpaper. All you have to do, is to cut a cardboard mask to fit snugly around the plate, and hold it in position while polishing.

Bearing these points in mind, it would appear that the best time to cut alfalfa for hay in order to retain as much protein as possible, consistent with yield, is at the commencement of bloom. Besides early cutting will improve the prospects of a second crop.

Since the leaves contain considerably more protein than the stems, it is desirable that as much of the leaf as possible be retained. This not only means cutting in a young stage, but entails special care with haying operations. The hay should be only partially cured in the swath before raking into windrows for completion of curing. The use of equipment which harvests from the windrow and cuts down on handling is desirable for avoiding loss of leaf.

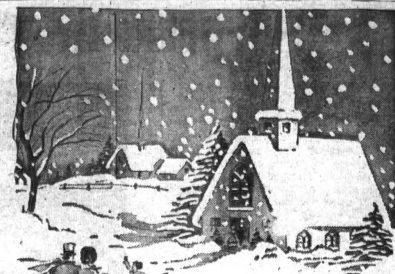
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Happy New Year!"

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Happy New Year

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New Year be  
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### Safe Or Sorry?

A word to the wise! Don't wait  
until next spring to start looking  
for seed oats and barley.

Good seed oats are scarce. Bar-  
ley is scarce too, and the time to  
look for it is now. The Alberta  
Department of Agriculture is do-  
ing all it can to make these cere-  
als easy for you to buy. Your  
District Agriculturist and your  
Service Board Supervisor are  
looking out for your interests, but  
you can't expect them to do it all.

If you need seed phone them  
now, or call the first time you are  
in town. If they know where  
there's seed for sale close by—  
and they'll know if there's any  
around they'll be glad to tell you  
about it. If there is no good seed  
in your area this is what to do.

Go to your elevator agent. Tell  
him how much you want to buy  
and ask him to list your name.  
Grain companies will help out if  
there is no seed in the district.  
They'll ship it only in carloads,  
but in a district where the home  
grown grain is unfit for seed, or-  
ders can be made up if you let  
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### Edmonton No Place To Look for a Job

Those people intent on making  
Edmonton their new home should  
carefully weigh the merits and  
demerits of such action before leav-  
ing present jobs. Unless they  
make prior arrangements for em-  
ployment they are liable to meet  
with the hardships of the situation  
which now prevails in the Alberta  
capital. Many people there are  
looking for work, and few jobs are  
available.

In an interview in Edmonton,  
William Carnill, manager of the  
National Employment Office, stated  
that "our office has 3,036  
workers registered for employ-  
ment. We have only 698 jobs to  
offer them."

Mr. Carnill said, "We have is-  
sued several such warnings in the  
past, but workers keep arriving  
here only to find that suitable em-  
ployment is scarce."

"Oil developments have been  
interpreted by many people to  
mean that there are limitless op-  
portunities for employment here.  
Except for a very small percent-  
age, all of the jobs can be filled  
by local labor. The exceptions, of  
course, are technical openings of a  
highly specialized nature."

In Winnipeg, Fred J. White, Re-  
gional Superintendent of the Un-  
employment Insurance Commis-  
sion said that the general employ-  
ment situation was satisfactory,  
considering the time of the year,  
but that cold weather could accen-  
tuate Edmonton's condition. Mr.  
White said that his office had dis-  
tributed posters throughout the  
prairie region for display in post  
offices, depots, and waiting rooms.  
These posters urged all workers to  
"Consult your National Employ-  
ment Service before leaving to  
seek work elsewhere." They state  
that, in the prairie region, Port  
Arthur and Fort William have  
"practically no job openings for  
applicants from outside areas."  
Mr. White stated that the Lake-  
head situation became severe  
when woods employment declined  
sharply.

Personal hardship can be avoid-  
ed in many instances by workers  
considering moving themselves and  
families this coming winter. Mr.  
White said it only they will con-  
tact their Employment Office. "All  
of our offices can secure pertinent  
information in job prospects in  
any part of Canada. People should  
look before they leap; they should  
not give up present employment or  
housing accommodation unless  
they have been assured of full-  
time work at their destination."

### CHRISTMAS SEAL RETURNS COMING IN SATISFACTORY

Christmas Seal returns are com-  
ing in very well, both locally and  
provincially. It was announced to-  
day from Christmas Seal Head-  
quarters, \$41,500 has been received  
to date from Edmonton and  
Northern Alberta, according to  
Geo. Lord, chairman of the Kins-  
men Club Christmas Seal Com-  
mittee, the objective being \$65,-  
000. This still leaves \$23,500 to be  
collected between now and Dec.  
31.

Mr. Lord said, "We earnestly  
hope that all those who have not  
yet contributed will do so very  
soon, as it would be a grand thing  
if we could reach our objective  
by the end of the year. There could  
be no better way of expressing  
the Christmas spirit than by send-  
ing in that contribution to help  
'stamp out T.B.'"

The Provincial total now stands  
at \$38,860, it is reported by C.  
Robert Dickey, general secretary  
Alberta Tuberculosis Association,  
toward a provincial objective of  
\$155,000. This is nearly two-thirds  
of the total required by the as-  
sociation in order to continue its  
many anti-tuberculosis activities  
in Alberta during 1950. Mr. Dickey  
pointed out that the Tuberculosis  
Association receives no financial  
support from governments, com-  
munity chests, nor any other  
source than the voluntary contri-  
butions of the people through the  
Christmas Seal sale.

Contributions may be sent to  
the Kinsmen Club Christmas Seal  
Office, Heintzman Hall, Edmon-  
ton, Alberta, and are allowable  
income tax deductions.

### KIEFER'S SHOWS

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John Payne



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merry and its joy and  
happiness spread through-  
out the glad New Year!

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### With Best Wishes

May all the joys of  
Christmas be yours and  
may your New Year  
overflow with happiness.

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### HAPPY Holiday WISHES

We feel genuinely  
pleased and privileged  
to extend sincere  
Holiday greetings to our many  
friends. In the spirit of appreciation  
for the confidence you have shown in us, we  
wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!

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heartfelt wishes that  
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Christmas Holiday  
be a  
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## Parking Problem May Influence Size in Cars

By Forbes Rhude  
(Canadian Press Business Editor)

It looks as though the trend towards size in motor cars has run its course, and that the cars of the next few years will be designed for easier operation in today's congested traffic and parking conditions.

In the post-war models so far the idea seems to have been to make the bodies as long and wide as the chassis will carry. Some companies, however, have managed to maintain a fair compromise, and one, at least, in its latest models, has already turned away from the over-size model.

Most motorists likely will welcome the change, and the chief disadvantage to current owners is that their present cars may look definitely dated when they go into the used-car market.

Probably, in nothing else has the average North American been so sold on luxury as in the motor car. It is the outward sign of his affluence and his chief item in "Keeping up with the Joneses." He may use it, for the most part, just to get back and forth to work, but when he buys he thinks of the open highway and long vacation trips.

The motor car still has something of the attraction of a new toy, a Christmas gift, a thing to dream about—something beyond the utility which for the most part it is.

The move away from the size looks like the natural end of one trend and the beginning of another. It probably is not influenced by the English car, but if the change did not start now, the influence of the English car would likely have made itself felt shortly.

English cars, on their part, have been influenced by the North American market, and have moved to a middle ground. A few years ago they seemed semi-freakish to North American eyes—now they look like rather good-looking small cars.

The cutting down of North American over-size may not be altogether good news to the English car; because they may lose some of their present appeal to people looking for something easier to handle.

However, the North American car has quite a job to accomplish in cutting down.

### TIBETAN TERRIER

The Tibetan terrier is a dog which resembles a dog terrier. It has a beautiful, shaggy coat, large round head, intelligent eyes, half hidden by a profuse fringe; feet and legs covered with hair. Tibetan terriers vary in size.

## Keep Young People On The Farm

TORONTO.—The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario has been told that an association of sponsors has found a way to "keep young people down on the farm."

Gladys Houghton of Beeton said the interest of the young people in all phases of rural life was kept alive by long-term planning of varied activities by the Junior Farmers' Association.

F. W. I. membership is on the upswing, the institute's board, in the final day of a three-day session here, was told. Anna P. Lewis, director of the Women's Institute Branch of the Ontario Agriculture Department said 54 branches from all parts of the province were organized in the last year.

There now are 1,425 branches with a total membership of 47,154.

Mrs. J. B. Futcher, of St. Thomas was re-elected for a third term as board president.

## YOU'RE TELLING ME

By WILLIAM RITT  
Central Press  
Canadian Writer

On hearing of Andre, Zadok Dumkopt says he hopes the Frenchman with the muscular maxillary comes to this town. Dumkopt claims he knows a restaurant that serves steaks which would challenge the jaws of a dinosaur.

The Inca mummy goes back 3,000 years and he probably wishes he was back there now.

The mummy has one distinction over other recent visitors to these shores. Nobody has interviewed him as to his opinion on the devaluation of the pound and the Russian atom bomb.

Eskimos, according to a magazine article, never spank their children. Before Junior, on hearing that, lights out for the far north he'd better remember that blubber tastes worse than spinach.

A Canadian town reports ball-stones as big as table tennis balls. How the townfolk must dread the coming of the football season.

That Canadian Egghorn hen that laid 360 eggs in 365 days probably was happy over the fact that it wasn't a Leap Year.

The Assyrians and Babylonians had the first dictionaries, which were used to explain signs instead of words.

## STAMP CORNER

By JAMES MONTAGNES



—Stamps country Philatelic Section, T. Eaton Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Almost every country is issuing stamps for the 15th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Among issues arriving in Canada for the anniversary were (top, left to right) those of Austria, Norway and Switzerland, and (lower, left to right) those of Tunis, Sweden, Netherlands, Antilles and Spanish West Africa.

Switzerland's annual child welfare set this year adds three more alpine flowers for the stamp collector who makes a specialty of floral collection. This year Switzerland brings to the philatelic garden the sulphurous anemone, the alpine clematis and superb pink. In recent years Switzerland has illustrated flowers on its child welfare issues.

Many countries have issued flower stamps. Austria not long ago issued a set of 10 stamps showing in full color as many flowers, including the crocus, violet, wild rose, edelweiss and cyclamen. Colombia a couple of years ago featured six different local orchids in full color in a special set.

Numerous stamps which are marginal or supplementary, such as the current showing of the "God rest you merry Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ your saviour Was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from Satan's power When we had gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy. Now to the Lord sing praises,

There are many more flower stamps, and the philatelic garden collection is a colorful display. 124. Note—if you have any old Canadian, Newfoundland or British North American stamps for sale or exchange, write to our Advertising Department, c/o Kohn, 120 Wellington Street, Toronto.

Each other now embrace This holy tide of Christmas. All others doth deface. O tidings of comfort and joy.

## Casuals For In Between Seasons



Skirt, blouse and weatit with matching dots on long patch pockets are a handy combination, (right), in any wardrobe. Note the full skirt and gathered waist. From Paris comes this between-seasons hat, (left). Dressed in moss green mink and tilted far to one side, the little creation is trimmed with a swank sweep of nylon satin, dyed to match the straw.—Central Press Canadian Photos.



(By Francis James)

It's odd the way the notion grew that small rooms must contain only small things—spindly chairs that defied you to sit on them, straight-backed, narrow sofas, small tables that were good for nothing in particular, wallpaper with small, pale, apologetic designs.

It's odd the way the notion grew—for logic will tell you that a small room is not, in itself, remarkable. Therefore, it desperately needs something to make it stand out. To give it life and personality. The spindly chairs and narrow sofa and pale, apologetic wallpaper certainly did not do this.

That is why, today, decorators are advocating, for certain small rooms at any rate, the use of gay, colorful wallpapers with bold, bright patterns.

Powder rooms are one thing that have undergone this change of decorating heart. Time was when that small nook off your bedroom or in the hall had to be papered in off-white or cream with, perhaps, a disappearing rose for pattern (if you looked hard enough). This was done to make the room look bigger. It didn't make it look bigger—it just made it look vaguely dull. Dressing table and stool skirts had to be in the dotted Swiss. This light and airy

touch was again supposed to make the room look bigger.

Now decorators say "so the room is small. Nothing you can do is going to make it big. But you can make it look airy. So why not be happy with it the way it is. Don't use dotted Swiss if you're dying for chintz. And don't use pale wallpaper if you yearn for big splashy patterns against colorful backgrounds. It will be small, but it will be nice."

Dena also have undergone a change. Generally, they're small, but decorators have decided that this is an advantage in a den. There is one room that should be cozy enough to relax in. And smallness begets coziness. Therefore, you no longer have to worry about making the den look bigger. You needn't use pale, re-treating wallpaper. On the contrary, deep, masculine tones are now very popular for this type of room. Deep wines, deep greens, browns, etc., give the atmosphere such a room needs.

Neither do you have to sacrifice comfort for fragility in furniture. The overstuffed chesterfield or chair that Father loves, the roomy desk, the sturdy lamp—all have their place in the modern den. They may not make it look any bigger. But in the end, it isn't the size that matters. It's the atmosphere.

WELL!



—Fitzpatrick, in The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## HEALTH

### Pasteurization Said Only Sure Milk Safeguard

Since medical science has proven that raw milk can harbor germs which can cause numerous crippling and killing diseases, it is a wonder, states the Health League of Canada, that so many people in Canada continue to drink unpasteurized milk even if they consider the source of supply disease free and that the handling has been most sanitary.

"Milk is a wholesome and beneficial food if it is pasteurized," according to the Health League. "But in its raw state it can be a menace to health and life through such milk-borne diseases as bovine tuberculosis, undulant fever, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, septic sore throat, diphtheria, scarlet fever and dysentery."

In reference to disease-free cows and sanitary handling, the Health League points out that no herd can be considered disease-free at all times. Sudden infection in one cow can spread rapidly even through a certified herd. And, even under most sanitary conditions of handling, virulent disease bacteria can accidentally enter milk—from humans who do not realize they are carriers of certain disease germs, or from the air itself. Milk is a wonderful food, but at the same time it is a No. 1 culture medium for bacteria.

"Only pasteurization can kill germs which get into milk, either from the source of supply or from the handlers," says the Health League.

"Therefore, pasteurized milk is the only safe milk."

The Health League says there is no need of consuming unpasteurized milk, even in areas where the commercially pasteurized product is not available—or in farm homes where herds are considered disease-free and handling is sanitary—because there are several simple methods of home pasteurization which will make milk safe for human consumption. For particulars, write to the Health League of Canada, 111 Avenue Road, Toronto 5, Ont.

### Candles Sent From Canada Light Church

LINTHORPE, England.—A church service went on in semi-darkness when electric power failed in this Yorkshire village.

Candles sent to the church in a gift parcel from Canada were used to illuminate chancel, choir stalls and pulpit. The rest of the church remained dark.

The congregation liked it so much the vicar is arranging to have another service in semi-darkness.

"They were pleased with the medicinal effect," said Rev. H. A. Warham.

A good lunch, well planned and well packed, pays dividends in health and morale. Anybody who should be planned to sit in with and supplement the other meals of the day.

## Registered Seed Best For Crops

Harvesting is over. Grain is gathered in and farmers will soon begin to lay their plans for next year's crops. The first consideration must be the kind of crops to sow and the kind of seed to use. More and more farmers are beginning to realize the high value to them of the use each year of some registered seed, for it is the highest quality seed obtainable.

A few bushels of registered seed, sown with care on a few acres, will provide larger quantities for sowing the following year on a larger acreage, which will all return to the farmer the original cost of seed over and over again in improved yields and in higher grades. Because of drought in some areas and frost in others, registered seed is none too plentiful this year.

Those farmers, therefore, who are considering its use—and they could not consider the use of anything better—should place their orders for registered and certified seed with their elevator agents as quickly as possible; also as to give seed growers time to know the demand and so make preparations for cleaning their seed for sacking it, and having it sealed by government inspectors.

## On The Side

By E. V. Durling

Have just heard of a genius who collects fancy fees teaching busy executives how to relax. This instruction calls for the executive taking several periods of relaxation during the business day. Among the forms of relaxation suggested is that the executive let himself go loose and walk around the office "like a rag doll." Another is that he lie on the floor and look up at the ceiling. Still another, and I am not kidding, is that the executive get down on the floor and play with his hands. Anyway, if you walk unexpectedly into the office of an executive friend and see him walking around the room trying to act like a rag doll or on the floor playing with a toy train don't get the wrong idea. The old boy will be relaxing.

### IN A SPOT

Last week I was in a crowded elevator when a man carrying a bag of cash and two armed guards entered. Each of the guards had a gun in his hand. If there had been a hold-up in that elevator several innocent bystanders would have been in a spot. That is, if there was some shooting, which there probably would have been. Why not have payroll carriers and guards travel on a special elevator? I would also like to ask why so many firms in large cities pay off in cash. Why not pay the help by cheque and eliminate the temptation of hoodlums to hold up the payroll carrier or the cashier?

### EXTRA WIVES

That African ruler known as the Fon of Bikom has 110 wives. The Fon is growing weary of being criticized for this excess of matrimonial mates. He claims he would rather be a bachelor. Recently he said to a missionary: "All my wives can go home to their families and stay there if they want to. You can tell them I said so." The missionary did. Not one wife took advantage of the offer. Incidentally, in some parts of Africa polyandry is still practiced. In these sections many women have 10 or more husbands. Not so many years ago an African beauty named Etue Kobi, known as "The Tiger Queen," had 40 husbands!

### PLEASE NOTE

Only intelligent people have asthma. That's what the experts claim. So if you are convinced you are a little on the dumb side don't be too depressed. If you were smart you might have asthma or hay fever.

### DIFFICULT OCCUPATIONS

Am asked what occupation makes a man the most unpopular through no fault of his own. That is difficult to decide offhand. I suppose the logical answer is tax collector. Still, how about being a referee? Or a dogcatcher? Or a ferryboat gateman? You know how people are always squawking about the messen gateman at the ferry who slammed the gate shut and caused them to have to wait for the next boat. Not long ago a ferryboat commuter became so enraged when the gate was closed on him that he unwrapped a blueberry pie he was carrying home to dinner and threw it right in the gateman's face.

### LONG ODDS

The odds against throwing a double six with dice on the first toss are 35 to one. The odds on making four double sixes in succession are 1,679, 616 to one. I mentioned this once before. At that time that fellow in Milwaukee, who checks on everything in this column, spent three hours a day for six months trying to throw four double sixes in succession.

### REMEMBERING

Nat M. Wills, tramp comedian of vaudeville days, married a circus bareback rider. Mrs. Wills was a statuesque beauty who was a striking spectacle on a horse. Mr. and Mrs. Wills frequently quarrelled, and Mr. Wills, a small man, usually got the worst of it. One night at the theatre Mrs. Wills threw her husband out into the street. As Mr. Wills sat there rubbing his head, he muttered to a passer-by: "I should have married the horse."



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## SAFE IN YOUR HEART

By ANNA E. WILSON

PH MILLER put the finishing touches to his neat hedge, and stopped to listen to Annie Bell calling her small son, Lennie. Lennie was safe enough in the care of his married sister, Carol, but Annie couldn't seem to rest when Lennie was out of her sight. Eph thought that it was too bad that Annie didn't know what Gwendolyn Baker had so painfully found out. Gwendolyn had put it in this way: you don't need to be near the people you love to possess them, if you have them safe in your heart.

It seemed only yesterday that he had been cutting the Baker hedge and stopped to listen to the hurt tones of Gwendolyn. "Of course, Randy, if you'd rather go alone." He had almost dropped the shears as Randy's brusque, "Now there's no need for you to go down town in all this heat, mother." Then the slam of the car door as Randy moved out of the driveway. Somehow, it made Eph think of Molly.

Folks had been surprised when Molly left Randy and went to live with her brother. The Baker house was by far the best in Oneville, and everybody knew that Mrs. Baker adored her daughter-in-law. Every body had been surprised, that is, but Eph. Eph knew that Molly had come to think that she and Randy should have a life of their own; had grown tired of the tears and hysterics by which pretty, spoiled Gwendolyn Baker ruled Randy and Randy's home.

Molly was plump, red-haired and pretty; loved sunshine and fresh air, looking forward always into the future. Part of Gwendolyn's power over Randy lay in her hold on the past. Randy's father had died when Randy was a child and Gwendolyn had promptly set up the Grey Room. The Grey Room had been Mr. Baker's study and Gwendolyn kept it as a shrine to his memory, letting no one dust it but herself and putting fresh flowers daily before the large framed picture of Randy's dad.

Molly hated the room. The stuffed moose's head over the mantel gave her the creeps. She never felt safe with the rows of guns in racks along the walls. She hated the picture of Randy's dad and the feeling of misery and depression that the room seemed to give to the whole house. "Randy," she cried out one day, "your father was never like this. Dad says he wasn't. Why—it's—it's a kind of sacrilege." But Molly had been unable to overcome the influence of Gwendolyn and she moved out.

Eph had remembered how Randy had gone about the place trying to look as if he didn't care when Molly left. At last, he'd begun to grow irritable, to avoid the house and to play golf more and more at the club. He no longer noticed when Gwendolyn refused to eat her dinner and he played chess for hours with old Mr. Covey, who had been a friend of his dad's.

It seemed, Eph told himself now, as if Randy's been trying to get to know his father by talking to his old friends and reading his books, visiting the Boy's Club and the Civic Monument. It wasn't until Mrs. Baker took to her bed with a feigned attack of influenza that Randy began to act at last.

Eph had trimmed the box elder and was just getting his shears in the black mulberry when he heard a yell, and looked up to see Gwendolyn frantically waving away a couple of men who had backed a big van up to the front door and were busy carrying away the sacred moose. She was still babbling when Randy appeared with an armful of guns, and the picture of his father.

"Now, mother," Randy's voice was brusque, "there's no need to carry on. The museum's a better place for the moose's head, especially since Dad didn't shoot it. Dad couldn't have hurt a fly. And the proper place for the guns is down at the Hunt Club." Then as Gwendolyn dissolved in tears, he added gently, "Besides, Mother, there are better things to remember Dad by than a lot of fake. Mr. Covey tells me that Dad was responsible for the Civic Monument and that he built the Boy's Hall."

It was only when an army of plasterers and carpenters moved in that Gwendolyn gave up and went to stay with her brother. Eph had been called into helping with the plastering and was still there when Randy got a call from the hospital and rushed out.

Eph hoped that Gwendolyn had broken a leg, but he had to leave to visit his married sister in the country and only arrived back in time to see Randy helping his mother out of the local taxi with all her bags.

Eph helped Randy carry them up the stairs, but behind them when Randy steered his mother toward the Grey Room and opened the door. The windows were gay with bright curtains and the whole room had been painted a rich rose to form a background for a be-ribboned, satin-lined bassinet. Sitting beside it, bright and rosy, was Molly, feeding her small son.

## SELECTED

## RECIPES

## BROWN SUGAR FUDGE

1½ cups finely packed light brown sugar  
½ cup light cream or evaporated milk  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
Combine sugar and cream or evaporated milk. Cook slowly, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Boil slowly, stirring occasionally, to 238° F. Pour into greased pan. Bake in water bath for 10 minutes. Cut into squares and cool.

## DATE BREAD

1 lb. dates, cut lengthwise  
1 teaspoon soda sprinkled over dates  
Pour over 1 cup boiling water.

## CRUMB COFFEE CAKE

1 cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons melted butter  
1½ cups flour  
1½ teaspoons baking powder  
Pinch of salt  
1 cup chopped nuts  
Bake one hour at 350 degrees.

## Recipe

Measure into bowl, ½ cup lukewarm water, 1 teaspoon granulated sugar, 1 envelope Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast. Let stand 10 minutes. THEN stir well. Scald ½ cup milk and stir in ½ cup granulated sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 3 tablespoons shortening, cool to lukewarm. Beat in 1 cup once-sifted bread flour. Add yeast mixture and 1 beaten egg; beat well. Work in 2½ cups once-sifted bread flour. Knead lightly; place in greased bowl and brush top with melted butter or shortening. Cover and set in warm place, free from drafts. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down dough and divide into 2 equal portions; form into smooth balls. Roll each into an oblong and fit into greased pans about 7" x 11". Grease tops, cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Pierce tops with fork and brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter or shortening. Combine ¼ cup brown sugar (lightly pressed down), ¼ cup flour, ½ cup fine dry cake or bread crumbs and 1 teaspoon cinnamon; rub in 4 tablespoons butter or shortening. Sprinkle crumb mixture on top of cakes. Let rise about 15 minutes. Bake in hot oven about 20 minutes. Serve hot, with butter.

## FLEISCHMANN'S ROYAL FAST RISING DRY YEAST

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1 In a small amount (usually specified) of lukewarm water, dissolve thoroughly 1 teaspoon sugar for each envelope of yeast.

2 Sprinkle with dry yeast. Let stand 10 minutes.

3 THEN stir well. (The water used with the yeast counts as part of the total liquid called for in your recipe.)

Order a month's supply!

"You Don't Need To Be Near The People You Love To Possess Them."

"You see, mother," Randy's voice was soft, "Molly and I've been thinking that the very best memorial for Dad is a little grandson."

"And even could hear the tremor in Randy's voice when he continued, 'It's not you and me anymore, Mother. It's not even Molly and me. It's the two of us doing our best for him. That's natural.'"

Eph took the bags on into Mrs. Baker's room and went back to trimming the shrubbery. It must have been a full six weeks later when Randy called him in to fix the kitchen tap. Molly and Randy were having breakfast in the small annex off the kitchen, and Eph thought Molly looked lovely in soft rose with that happy look in her eyes, pouring coffee for Randy. It was Randy who read the letter from Gwendolyn.

Dear Randy: Your Uncle Jim is ailing and the doctor says he won't be better for a long time. I've decided to live here and look after him. You see, Randy, I've discovered that you don't need to be near the people you love to possess them, if you have them safe in your heart. (Copyright Winnipeg Newspaper Syndicate)

## Western Briefs

## Woman Speaker

VICTORIA, B.C.—A woman may become speaker of the legislature in British Columbia and if elected to that post she would be the first woman to hold that position in the history of the British commonwealth. Premier Byron Johnson announced in Victoria Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Liberal M.L.A. for Victoria City would be the government choice for speaker. The February 14 sitting will be the first for the coalition government returned to office in the June election.

## Veteran Watchmaker

SELEXIK, Man.—James Alfred Rogers is what you might call a clock watcher. He celebrated his 80th birthday recently by remaining on the job at his watch-making shop where he is still working.

## Plan Games

EDMONTON—Tentative exhibition engagements of Edmonton Mercury, Canada's entry in the world amateur hockey championships overseas next year, were announced by manager J. A. Christianson. He said that within the next three weeks the team is tentatively slated to appear at Camrose, Ponoka, Lethbridge and Calgary in Alberta; Medicine Hat, Brandon, Man., and the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia.

## Band Planning Trip

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.—The Swift Current boys' band is planning on taking in the Calgary Stampede in 1950, providing sufficient funds are forthcoming. Bandmaster Charlie Warren said.

## Form Ball League

BRANDON, Man.—An international baseball league that will include teams from Minot, N.D.; Carman, Brandon, Grey's and two clubs from Winnipeg was given informal approval at a meeting recently. Final organization plans will be completed at a meeting in Winnipeg Jan. 15. The schedule will run from early May until about Sept.

## Opens Storage Building

LIMSDEN, Sask.—Canada's first co-operative potato storage building has been opened here. The \$37,000 building is the joint venture of farmers along the Qu'Appelle River, with assistance from the Dominion and Saskatchewan governments.

## Saskatoon, Moose Jaw Press For Paved Road

SASKATOON—An association to press for a north-south paved highway linked between Saskatoon and Moose Jaw was formed recently at a meeting called by the Saskatoon board of trade.

The 30 delegates represented the two cities and a number of towns. The meeting named the new group and the No. 11 Highway association chose an executive of 11 members. It will promote grading and paving No. 2 highway from Moose Jaw to Chamberlain and No. 11 from Chamberlain to Dundurn.

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PEGGY

YOU ONLY DID IT WHEN I WAS LOOKING DIRECTLY AT ME, THE POOR DEAR...

THE GUY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW YOU, PEGGY!

FIRST IT WAS VAN JOHNSON, THEN CHERRY PICK, THEN MONTAGNEY CLIFT!

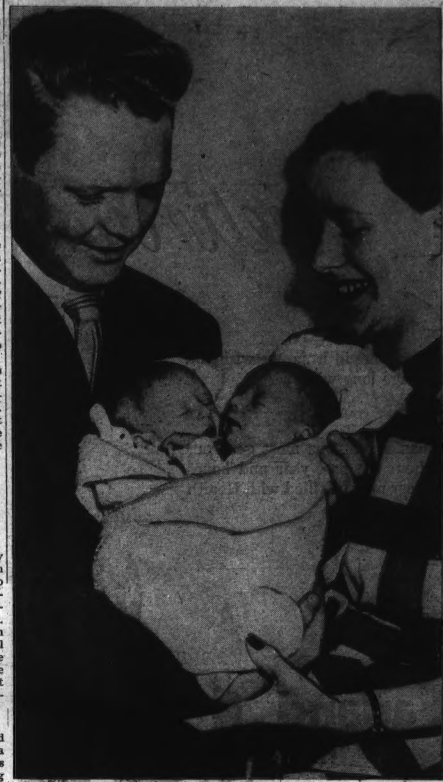
OH!... SANDY SMITH, YOUR SHAPY ABOMINABLE! GOODNIGHT!

IT'S THAT SMITH BOY... AND TO THIN HE WAS KEEPING COMPANY WITH ANY NEWBORN GENEVIEVE FOR A SPELL!

HOW DARE YOU TRY TO PUT YOUR ARM AROUND ME IN A MONTAGNEY CLIFT MOVIE!

NERTZ!

## Alberta Siamese Twins



Proud parents with problems ahead are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Townsend of Tofield, Alta., who are seen with the healthy Siamese twins recently born to them. At birth, babies weighed nine pounds, 17 ounces. Tofield community is near Edmonton, Alta.—S.N.S. photo.

## Boys Hired To Drive Used Cars West, Then Told To Find Way Back

(By Mary Fraser in "The Globe and Mail" Toronto) "Go West, Used Car" is the slogan one Toronto used car lots now as prices go lower.

Dealers are pushing cars out west in convoys, giving young Toronto drivers a long fast ride, and raking in the shekels on high-priced sales.

The system used is to hire six or seven boys, pay their expenses on the way out, sometimes give them a daily wage (up to \$3) or a bonus at the trip's end (\$25 to \$40), and leave them to find their own way home.

They disconnect the speedometer in the used car before it leaves Toronto, then connect it at the other end. So a car which has travelled 2,400 miles may have only 400 miles on the gauge.

Two boys from Port Credit, Harvey Thomas, 17, and Kenneth Flowers, 18, are home again after one of the used car trips. It cost their parents \$120 to get them back from Calgary. Here is their story:

"They applied to National Employment Service for a job. Employment officers sent them to a used car dealer."

"He told us we would have our expenses paid on the way out, we'd get \$10 each in Calgary, and we'd be able to find our own way back," said Ken.

"They left next morning, nine cars in the convoy—two '49 Oldsmobiles, two '49 Chevrolts, two '49 Dodges, a '49 Mercury, '49 Pontiac and a '48 Chevrolet. Two cars were driven by the dealer and his partner. The other drivers were boys like Ken and Harvey."

"They drove for 17 to 18 hours a day at speeds up to 90 miles an hour, with the dealer leading the convoy. The boys had to keep up or get fired."

One night the lead car stopped suddenly on a wet road. Fred Price of Oakville couldn't stop in time. He ran his Oldsmobile into Harvey's Dodge, damaging the grille and fender of his car and the Dodge's bumper.

Fred was switched to the '48 Chevrolet. In Montana he blew a piston. At the garage the dealer switched

the mileage gauge back 10,000 miles.

"It didn't do much good," said Harvey, "because Price rolled his car over later on the trees weren't much good. We were going around an S-bend and his back tire blew, going about 80. The car was a complete wreck, but Price just got bruised."

On Friday about 10:30 p.m. the convoy rolled into Calgary, the fourth day of the trip.

Ken said: "My Olds was brought up from Halifax. When we got to Calgary the mileage read 409."

Harvey said: "My Dodge registered 134 miles in Toronto, and 137 in Calgary."

Eight of the cars were sold, the boys said. Even the wreck brought \$900, after it was towed in.

"The '49 Oldsmobile Rocket 88, which would bring in \$2,800 in Toronto, sold out there for \$4,000," said Ken. "And a '49 Chrysler stripped of all accessories sold for \$2,700. Apart from the mileage, the Pontiac was burning oil, one car had a burned-out clutch, and the Dodge and the Olds were damaged after their smash."

Used car dealers in Toronto who have loaded cars out West say there is no profit in it any more—"You can't get any more for a car out there than you can here now."

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SIZES 11-17

The Boys Say Yes

Little Boy Collar 'n' cuffs win Big Boys approval! Darling Little Darling 2-piece has scallopy fastening, sweetheart pocket, back interest pleats. Maybe this simple sewing will bring you a corsage!

Pattern 4593, Jr. Miss sizes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. Size 15, 4½ yds. 39-in. This pattern, easy to use, simple to sew, is tested for fit. Has complete illustrated instructions.

Send twenty-five cents (25c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to:

Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 60 Front Street W., Toronto.

Parts of the palmira palm are employed for more than 800 uses.

—By Chuck Thornton

## Sees Atomic Fuel Available In Ten Years

MONTREAL—Dr. David Keys, vice-president of the National Research Council in charge of the atomic energy project at Chalk River, Ont., said it is highly possible that useful power from nuclear energy will be available in "five to ten years".

The use of nuclear energy as fuel, however, would not be as economical as either oil or coal.

Speaking at the faculty club of McGill University, Dr. Keys said an improvement in the present production methods of atomic energy is required.

When the process has been perfected, he said, it will be possible to operate ships on a few pounds of uranium fission products a year.

Dr. Keys foresaw the use of uranium 235 as fuel for submarines and aeroplanes and of atomic energy as the source of light, heat and power services.

"By the time our great grandchildren are adults," he said, "it may be possible that coal will be gone."

## New Feed Grain Supplies Below 1948

OTTAWA—New supplies of feed grains this year are substantially lower than last year, the bureau of statistics reported.

But the carry-over from the last crop year is big enough to prevent any "serious feed deficits". The lower supplies were the result of smaller crops of oats, barley and mixed grains in the prairie provinces.

The bureau estimated supplies at 58 tons per "grain-consuming animal unit," about 16 per cent. lower than at the same time last year.

## Fashions

By ANNE ADAMS



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For the thirty first time in Irma, we wish you one and-all that age long wish, a

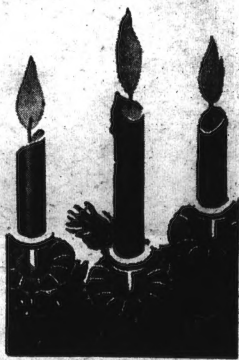
## Merry Merry Christmas

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## How to Get Family Allowances

Because this is the fourth year since the Family Allowances act came into operation, there are many who are not familiar with the regulations and others who, if they knew them, have forgotten some details. The Ontario director of family allowances recently discovered that every month in the past year, over 3,000 families who were entitled to the benefits did not receive them because they did not apply for them in the regulation form.

Most of the losers were newborn infants and some were children of immigrants who did not know that they were eligible or how to become so.

Some parents think that by registering the child's birth, allowance payments would automatically commence. This is an error. Application for family allowances should be made on a special form which can be obtained at any post-office in Canada. It should be mailed to the Regional Director of Family Allowances stationed in each province.

Allowance payments will commence a month after the director has received the application form. In the case of a newborn child, application should be made within 30 days after the birth; the allowance would then be received in the second month of the child's life. The regional director should be advised in writing of any change of address, so as to avoid delay in receipt of cheques. When either parent remarries, or when there is any change in the name of the person to whom payments are made, full details should be forwarded to the regional office.

The allowances will be stopped when it is found they are being improperly used, and they will be taken back from anyone who receives them for a child who is not eligible. It is the duty of parents or guardians to notify the regional director when a child under 16 has died; fails to go to school regularly or leaves school entirely; begins to work for pay; leaves Canada; enters an institution; goes to someone else's care; or when a girl under 16 marries. The regulations do not permit payment of allowances under the above conditions and are subject to recovery from persons receiving them.

Immigrant children, born outside of Canada, become eligible for family allowances after one year's residence in Canada. Children born in Canada to immigrant parents are eligible immediately after birth. Children born abroad of Canadian parents should be registered for the allowances immediately on their return to Canada. In all these cases, applications should be filed to protect the children's rights.

The act provides that allowances be sent to a parent who maintains or has custody of a child. To remain eligible, a child must reside in Canada and attend school regularly. The final payment is made on the last day of the month in which the child's 16th birthday falls. The rates of payment are as follows:

Up to 6th birthday—\$5 per mo.  
6th to 10th birthday—\$6 per mo.  
10th to 13th birthday—\$7 per mo.  
13th to 16th birthday—\$8 per mo.


The receipt of family allowances does not affect income tax exemptions. Application for the benefit should be made as soon as possible after the birth date.

## Guard Against Frozen Cream

Some of our cream producers may have developed methods of handling their cream during the spell of fine weather that will lead to freezing and lower grades now that winter has arrived. Allowing cream to freeze is unworthy of a good dairyman, says D. H. McCallum, Alberta's Dairy Commissioner. Frozen cream grades lower and causes financial loss to the producer. It results in poorer quality butter. It requires extra handling in the factory and delays the return of cans and cheques. Frozen cream cannot be sampled or tested with accuracy, and it causes excessive loss of fat in the buttermilk.

To prevent frozen cream Mr. McCallum offers the following suggestions:

1. Store the can of cream in a tank of water which is kept cold but not allowed to freeze to an extent.
2. Protect containers from excessive cold during transit.



Wishing  
you all

a very

Merry Christmas!

Irma Hardware



## BEST WISHES for Christmas

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In the tax year ending March 31, 1949, Ottawa collected \$1,279,999,404 in income taxes, highest total in history.

God rest you merry, 'Tis Christmas today there are more  
Let nothing you dismay, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
Remember Christ your saviour, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
Was born on Christmas Day, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
To save us all from Satan's power, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
When we had gone astray, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
O tidings of comfort and joy, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
Now to the Lord sing praises, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-

Each other now embrace, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
This holy tide of Christ, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
All others doth deface, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-  
O tidings of comfort and joy, 'Tis Christmas a little bus-



## Season's Greetings

To the many greetings that come your way, we should like to add ours—to wish you a truly Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**Irma Co-op Store**



## Best Wishes for Christmas

"To You we throw the Torch  
Be yours to hold  
While joy bells ring  
And hearty voices sing,  
We're wishing young or old  
A very Merry Christmas  
And a more prosperous New Year."

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